



Beaver Creek Fire

July 25, 2016, 8:00 am

Closures & Advisories:

Closure orders have been issued for the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands and can be found at: inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/4797

Evacuation orders remain in place as issued by the Jackson Co. Sheriff's Office

Fire Size Today:

25,491 acres

Containment:

7%

288 Firefighters:

5 crews, 23 engines, 2 dozers and 2 helicopters

Location:

24 miles north of Walden, Colorado

Fire is being managed on the Medicine Bow - Routt National Forests, BLM Kremmling Field Office, State of Colorado Lands, BLM Rawlins Field Office and Wyoming State Forestry Division

Started:

6/19/16; The cause of the fire is actively being investigated by U.S. Forest Service law enforcement.

Management: Warder's Type 3 Incident Management Team

Warmer temperatures and lower relative humidity continue to dominate weather patterns in the area of the fire. Temperatures will hover near 80 degrees with humidity in the teens.

Afternoon thunderstorms with gusty winds are expected as well. This will result in some interior heat, smoke, and both single tree and group tree torching on the fire. Tim Mathewson, Fire Meteorologist, told firefighters to be ready for wind shifts today.

A plane capable of capturing infrared imagery flew over the fire early Sunday morning, detecting heat within the fire's perimeter. However, cloud cover interfered with obtaining complete imagery, so a second flight was ordered last night to provide more information. An infrared interpreter analyzed the thermal imagery and provided more information to the incident management team regarding the fire's current status. The team will combine the new data with weather forecasts to make informed decisions about predicted fire behavior and suppression tactics. The thermal imagery can also help estimate containment in areas where crews have been unable to walk the fireline due to rugged terrain. It is expected that containment figures may go up as a result of this new data.

The incident management team had been considering a burnout operation in the southeast portion of the fire. Yesterday, a Type 1 hotshot crew scouted the area and determined dozer work and direct fireline construction could be safely implemented instead. The emphasis in this area of the fire is needed as fire modeling indicates this is a location for potential fire growth toward structures. Structure protection will again continue along Road 600, along with mechanical fireline construction on the northeast side of the fire.

With more sun this week, the slopes will retain more heat and cause vegetation within the fire's interior ignites and burns. Smoke may be visible each afternoon when temperatures rise.

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